

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
July 11, 2011

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the June 13, and June 16, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mrs. Haskins moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMS, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris reported that there were 39 new adult and 5 new juvenile cases. 3 adults and 1 juvenile are in the alcoholic and drug treatment program. She said that Mr. Shapland asked her if she knew of temporary housing for her office staff when the construction work is being done.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that the jury trials are moving quickly. The people can now pay their fees, fines, etc. now thru E-Pay.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She will be attending conference on July 27-29. Mrs. Hastings asked the board to consider allowing her to hire a full-time employee instead of a part-time employee. Mr. Berger moved to recommend to the board that

this issue be discussed at the upcoming adjourned meeting. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Otto moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Sheriff Doran informed the board that he had retrieved a copy of the County Dog Ordinance. He feels that the dog fines should be reviewed since they haven't been reviewed in several years. Increasing the dog fines would help the Treasurer obtain more money for a full-time person. The ordinance will be looked into with the Sheriff Committee.

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen reminded everyone of the round table discussion in regard to the wind farms which will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills.

Mr. Berger seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the 2009-10 audit report. Mr. May seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the bid for a 3-year contract with Bray, Drake, Liles & Richardson, LLP. The cost for audit services are as follows:

11/30/11 - \$11,900 for county; \$3,600 for Circuit Clerk

11/30/12 - \$12,250 for county; \$3,700 for Circuit Clerk

11/30/13 - \$12,700 for county; \$3,800 for Circuit Clerk

Mrs. Haskins seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous

The next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the small court room.

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.
Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 11-39 (Appropriating \$35,000 or as much as is necessary from the Ford County Bridge Tax Fund for the construction of a box culvert in Rogers Township). Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn would like to adjourn this meeting until next Monday night at

7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing health insurance options.

5. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Otto said that the Overview Committee met with the Public Building Commission Board. The Commission Board moved to obtain bids for the remodeling of the Probation office in the courthouse basement and approved paying for the Probation office to move to a different during construction.

Carpet and window replacement was also approved for the Circuit Clerk and the other departments on the first floor of the courthouse.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, ESDA & Coroner bills. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Otto seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8
Voted to purchase new equipment for training. | Sheriff Doran |
| 2. Union Affairs | Mrs. Haskins |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority | Mrs. Stagen |
| 4. 708 Board
Mr. Berger said they received a grant youth work program | Mr. Berger |
| 5. WIA | Mr. Bowen |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| 7. Regional Office of Education | Mr. Bowen |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation | Mr. Ferguson |
| 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. Johnson |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 11. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension | Mr. Johnson |
| 14. E.M. A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

None

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

None.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-40 (appointing and approving bond of William E. Malone as Trustee of the Kempton Fire District)**. Mrs. Haskins seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt **Resolution 11-41 (approving bond of Drainage Commissioner of the Big Four Drainage District)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 11-42 (approving appointment of Douglas Hager to the Public Building Commission Board)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 11-43 (re-appointing Robert Link and Michael Griffin to the Board of Review)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Otto moved to **approve the bond of Joseph Adams as Commissioner of Lyman Drainage District**. Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adjourn the board meeting to Monday night, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room**. The Health Insurance and hiring of a deputy clerk will be discussed. Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:21 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Kellerhals

County Clerk

Approved: _____